

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	)	
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Frederick C. CHRISTIANS <i>et al.</i>	)	
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Serial No.: 10/684,205	)	Group Art Unit: 1637
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Filed: October 10, 2003	)	Examiner: Mummert
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For: METHOD FOR DEPLETING SPECIFIC	)	Confirmation No: 5091
NUCLEIC ACIDS FROM A MIXTURE	)	

**Amendment After Non-Final Rejection**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please amend the above application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.